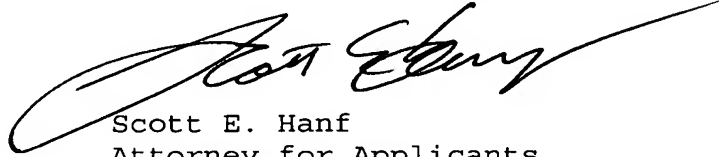


REMARKS

The original claims 1-8 were amended to correct some obvious typographical errors and to amend both the proper and improper multi-dependent claims as proper dependent claims. New claims 9-19 were added, and are based on subject matter deleted from claims 3-8, when they were rewritten as single dependent claims. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott E. Hanf", written over the typed name.

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